

ERIE EDITION

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IT'S THE AIR—STUPID!

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON ERIE'S 100% EMISSIONS RECOVERY GOAL

All of us in Erie understandably experienced a heightened awareness and concern surrounding levels of propane in the ambient air following a NOAA air monitoring presentation earlier this year. That's why every day at Town Hall we remind ourselves, "It's the air—Stupid!" And it's why we've set a goal of 100% emissions recovery from oil and gas operations occurring within Erie's Planning Area.

As part of our efforts to do everything in our power to protect our resident's health and safety, the Town engaged in an independent, peer-reviewed Analysis and Health Impact of Propane Levels of the NOAA data to determine what (if any) health effects would result from exposures to the levels of propane as presented. The scientific analysis of the data concludes that:

"The levels of Propane in the NOAA study are 1,000-fold or more below those considered to be of a health concern."

The average level of Propane as presented by NOAA was 20 ppb (parts per billion) and the maximum level was 115 ppb. According to the analysis: "Propane at 115 ppb (the peak level found) does not present a health concern to the citizens of the Town of Erie."

That's good news in terms of no immediate health risks—the even better news is that we are not changing our focus.

Moving forward, we believe the industry has to do better. The technology exists. There are vapor recovery units that can be put into service on oil and gas sites today. Oil and gas operators (Anadarko Petroleum, EnCana Oil and Gas, Noble Energy) have partnered with the Environmental Protection Agency as part of the Natural Gas STAR Program which estimates that the industry's return on investment for most emission reduction practices is 3 years or less. We applaud their efforts and have experienced the industry's willingness to address our concerns first-hand.

Since news of our 100% emissions recovery goal started making headlines, it has been reported that Erie is seeking its own regulatory authority. To set the record straight, the Town of Erie's oil and gas moratorium is not about municipal government seeking to take over the state's regulatory authority. We agree that oil and gas operations are a state-wide concern, and we recognize the COGCC as the state's regulatory agency. We are not interested in shutting down operations nor do we have the authority to do so. Our concern is about the quality of the air we breathe and protecting our resident's health and safety.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Erie Board of Trustees meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the Town Hall boardroom located at 645 Holbrook Street. Contact the Board via email at bot@erieco.gov or through the Town Clerk's Office at 303-926-2731. The Trustees' individual email addresses and phone numbers are listed below:

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BREAK OUT! (OUTSIDE, THAT IS)

A LETTER FROM MAYOR JOE WILSON

Spring has sprung in its Rocky Mountain magnificence! It is certainly the season of hope and anticipation. Motorcycles, convertibles, bicycles, golf carts and rickshaws are everywhere the sun can shine on their smiling pilots and passengers. The smell of grilled food wafts through the air inspiring us to dine outside at every opportunity. Sports enthusiasts emerge to play the games and do the things they've been forced to observe indoors during the winter. Longer days and late evening sunsets warm us while we take in the fantastic views and enjoy the green world emerging around us. Time to get your adventures planned. Our Parks & Recreation Department has a treasure chest of outdoor adventures available for just about everybody. The great outdoors is waiting, Erie!

Mayor Joe Wilson



SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PLAN

EPA & CDPHE GRANT TO BE USED TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL CONTAMINANTS

The Town of Erie is partnering with the Colorado Rural Water Association to develop of a voluntary Source Water Protection Plan in order to complement existing federal and state regulatory measures. Implementation of best source water management approaches outlined in the plan will apply an additional layer of assurance that Erie's drinking water remains safe and is of the highest quality.

SPECIFICALLY, THE PLAN WILL BE DESIGNED TO:

- Create an awareness of the Erie's drinking water sources
- Identify potential contaminants such as: agricultural practices, septic systems, roadway transportation, wastewater discharge sites, hazardous waste generators and oil and gas operations
- Determine the susceptibility of identified contaminants to degrade source water
- Encourage education and voluntary solutions to alleviate pollution risks
- Promote best management practices to protect and enhance Erie's water supply
- Provide an action plan in case of an emergency that threatens or disrupts the water supply.

For more information on the Town of Erie's commitment to environmental stewardship—including Water Quality, please visit the Environment page on the Town's website.



TOWN OF ERIE COMPLETE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVIES FOR 2012

General Operating Funds: 7.288 (\$203.04*) • Trails & Natural Areas Acquisition: 4.000 (\$111.44*) • Erie Community Center Construction Bond: 5.858 (\$163.20*) *Example: If you own a home with an actual value of \$350,000, your total Town of Erie Mill Levy for 2012 would be \$477.68.

FREE
ADMISSION!



ERIE ROCKS!

8TH ANNUAL CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES

A DJ will warm up the crowd starting at 5:00pm with the main act taking the stage at 7:00pm. Come early and get a great seat! Concessions and beer/wine will be sold. No alcohol may be brought in. No tents/canopies please.



WHISKEY BOTTLES

You asked for them, and we listened! The **Whiskey Bottles** play Erie! Based out of Colorado (with several band members from Erie), they energize audiences with Americana/alt-country tunes from artists such as Lucinda Williams, Neil Young, Emmylou Harris, John Prine, Lyle Lovett, and more! Born out of a desire to play good-timin' music that connects with audiences of all ages, they guarantee you'll be tapping your feet and singing along by the end of the night!

Date: Saturday, June 23
Location: Erie Community Park
Time: 5:00–9:00pm

THAT EIGHTIES BAND

Back by popular demand, **That Eighties Band** is coming to rock Erie! Denver is home to That Eighties Band, one of the most popular '80s tribute bands in America. The group has performed at more than 1,000 concerts, corporate events, and weddings! Past clients include Google, Pepsi, Home Depot, The Colorado Avalanche, The Kansas City Chiefs, The Pepsi Center, The Denver Nuggets and The Colorado Rapids.

Date: Saturday, July 28
Location: Erie Community Park
Time: 5:00–9:00pm

6TH ANNUAL BARK IN THE PARK & WORLD'S SHORTEST PET PARADE



The day will begin with the pet parade down Briggs Street in Historic Downtown Erie and continue at Coal Creek Park with competitions, contests, booths, and more! Register at the Erie Community Center or on the day of the event. Registration opens on May 4. For more information please call 303-926-2793.

Saturday, June 9 • 9:00am–Noon
Coal Creek Park

MOVIE IN THE PARK SERIES



Back for the 3rd year! Grab your blanket or lawn chair and head to the Erie Community Park! Movie will begin at dusk (around 8:30pm) Don't miss out on this great family event! Free Admission! Concessions will be sold. No alcohol or tents/canopies please. Movies will be announced in May—check our website at www.erieparksandrec.com.

Saturday, June 2 & July 14
7:30–10:00pm • Erie Community Park



For information on all Erie Parks & Recreation programs and events, contact us at 303.926.2550 or visit the website at www.erieparksandrec.com.

16th Annual ERIE TOWN FAIR & BALLOON FESTIVAL



SATURDAY,
MAY 19, 2012
IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ERIE



The Town of Erie is a proud sponsor of the Annual Erie Town Fair hosted by the Erie Chamber of Commerce. This year, Erie's Historic Downtown will play host to more than 200 craft and food vendors. There will be performances on stage at Coal Creek Park, offering a variety of entertainment by local groups. Garage Rats Car Club will host the Annual Car Show attracting more than 60 cars and trucks. Traditional carnival games continue throughout the day at Coal Creek Park. Hot Air Balloons launch at 6:15am, weather permitting, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The launching is open to the public. "Crew" volunteers for the balloons are always welcomed.

ON STAGE ENTERTAINMENT LINE-UP

Future Erie High School Cheerleaders
..... 10:00-10:30
Jump 'n Jive Show Choir..... 10:35-11:00
La Bella Ballerinas..... 11:10-11:40
High Peaks Twirlers11:45-12:05
Axis of Movement12:10-12:35

Erie High School Jazz Band 1:00-1:40
Case 'n Point Band2:20-3:20
Enerjazz Band3:40-4:40
FACE: All Vocal Rock Band 6:00-9:15
Fireworks Display..... 9:15



For more information on the Erie Town Fair, please contact the Erie Chamber of Commerce at 303-828-3440 or www.eriechamber.org.